

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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Removal of Return Receipt for  
Merchandise Service from the Mail  
Classification Schedule

Docket No. MC2015-8

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued December 3, 2014)

To clarify the Postal Service's request to remove Return Receipt for Merchandise (RRM) service from the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS), the Commission requests the Postal Service provide written responses to the following questions.<sup>1</sup> A response should be provided as soon as possible, but no later than December 10, 2014.

1. The Postal Service indicates that there are two alternative services that customers may utilize after RRM is no longer available: (1) Signature Confirmation; and (2) a combination of Certified Mail and Return Receipt. *Id.* Attachment B at 3.
  - a. Please confirm that the provision of a postcard showing the recipient's signature (Form 3211) is a basic characteristic of RRM. If not confirmed, please explain.
  - b. Please confirm that the provision of a mailing receipt (Form 3804) is a basic characteristic of RRM. If not confirmed, please explain.

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<sup>1</sup> Request of the United States Postal Service to Remove Return Receipt for Merchandise Service from the Mail Classification Schedule, November 17, 2014 (Request).

- c. Please describe the basic characteristics of Signature Confirmation and explain how these basic characteristics are similar to or different from RRM.
  - d. Please describe the basic characteristics of the combination of Certified Mail and Return Receipt and explain how these basic characteristics are similar to or different from RRM.
- 2. 39 C.F.R. § 3010.23(d) provides directions for adjustments to billing determinants, for classification changes including the deletion of a rate cell.
  - a. Please confirm that with the deletion of the RRM rate, an alternative rate cell(s) is available for making adjustments to billing determinants (e.g., Signature Confirmation and/or a combination of Certified Mail and Return Receipt). If confirmed, please make the adjustments and provide the calculations and explanation required by 39 C.F.R. §§ 3010.23(d)(2) and 3010.23(d)(3).
  - b. If an alternate rate cell(s) is not available, please explain and provide the information required by 39 C.F.R. § 3010.23(d)(4).
  - c. Given the responses to the above, please provide the information required by 39 C.F.R. § 3010.12(b)(1) through (4).
  - d. If (based on the percentage change in rates provided in response to part c.) the request to remove RRM from the MCS qualifies as a de minimis rate change, please provide the information required by 39 C.F.R. § 3010.30.

By the Chairman.

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